(ii) With-holding of DCRG of retired employees for penal rent recoveries, etc; and (iii) Dis-allowance of one set of retirement passes for every one month of unauthorised occupation of railway quarters.

Promotion of L.D.Cs/Typists in Northern Railway

1871. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the normal time being taken by an L.D.C./Typist for promotion to the post of UDC in Northern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that LDCs appointed in Northern Railway with less than ten years service had been promoted as U.D.C. whereas the Typists appointed in the same Railway with more than ten to fifteen years service are still working as Typists and had not been promoted as U.D.Cs; and

(c) If so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take to remove this discrimination in the Northern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from Northern Railway and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Research on 'ISCADOR' and anthroposophical drug in Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi

1872. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iscador is an anthroposophical drug and Government have no information of its constituents;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has undertaken research in Iscador therapy which is neither a homoeopathic drug nor its constituents are known to the said Council; and

(c) whether it is legally valid to conduct trial of a drug on human beings whose constituents are not known?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Iscador is an anthroposophical proprietary drug. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy have stated that Iscador is fermented aqueous extract of Viscum album (whole plant) from different host trees processed by a special method. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy had undertaken research in Iscador therapy based on the recommendations of its Scientific Advisory Committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Research in ISCADOR therapy in Homoeopathy

1873. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has been conducting research in Iscador therapy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Iscador is registered only in Switzerland, Austria and Germany and it is still on the list of unproven anti-cancer drugs of the American Cancer Society and therefore several countries are reluctant to approve it; and

(c) if so, what made the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy undertake trial of this unproven drug, on human beings?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND